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LIGHTWAVE CIRCUITS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.111

Sir:

A Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. In response to the Office Action mailed on March, 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: